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SUBJECT: SAHEL BASIC FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND ADO/CDO PROGRAM
PRIORITIES

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1. REPORTS CONTINUE TO ARRIVE AID/W PROJECTING AN EXCELLENT

1974 HARVEST FOR THE SAHEL REGION. THE MAGNITUDE OF HARVEST EFFORTS ALREADY UNDERWAY IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE SAHEL SUGGESTS THAT THESE FORCASTS ARE NOT UNDULY OPTIMISTIC; IN THIS CONNECTION ONE SAHELIAN PRESIDENT RECENTLY INDICATED HIS COUNTRY MAY NOT REQUIRE AS MUCH EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR AS WAS ESTIMATED FOUR MONTHS AGO. IT IS NOT SURPRISING, THEN, THAT DONOR AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AVE BEGUN TO RE-DIRECT THEIR PROGRAMMING EFFORTS TOWARD MID- AND LONGER-TERM DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES.

2. WHILE AID/W REMAINS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE 1974 RAIN/HARVEST PATTERN IN THE SAHEL, WE HAVE DRAWN FEW CONCLUSIONS WITH RESPECT TO HOW MUCH DONOR ASSISTANCE (FOOD AND NON-FOOD) SAHELIAN GOVERNMENTS ARE LIKELY TO REQUEST ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS THIS YEAR. EVEN WITH IMPROVED HARVESTS, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT SIGNIFICANT DONOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN MID-1975 TO FEED DISTRESSED GROUPS UNLESS STEPS ARE TAKEN NOW TO INSURE

ADEQUATE STORAGE OF FOODSTUFFS IN THOSE AREAS MADE INACCESSIBLE EACH YEAR DURING THE JUNE-SEPTEMBER RAINS

3. EXPERIENCE OVER PAST DROUGHT-RELIEF CAMPAIGN SUGGESTS THAT HOST GOVERNMENTS AND DONORS COULD HAVE EXECUTED RELIEF STRATEGIES EVEN MORE EFFICIENTLY IF PRIORITY ACTIONS IN AREAS OF FOOD DISTRIBUTION/TRANSPORTATION HAD BEEN CLEARLY IDENTIFIED DURING OCTOBER-NOVEMBER PERIOD AND SYSTEMATICALLY EXECUTED DURING DECEMBER-MAY PERIOD. THIS YEAR, BECAUSE OF EXPERIENCE GAINED BY THE VARIOUS PARTIES INVOLVED IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THE DISTRESSED ELEMENTS OF THE POPULATION, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A MORE PRECISE DELINEATION OF FOOD/MEDICAL NEEDS CAN BE DRAWN UP TOGETHER WITH DELIVERY SCHEDULES WHICH ARE BASED ON MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF THE EXISTING TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS DURING THE DECEMBER-MAY PERIOD.

4. AID/W VIEWS THE UP-COMING MULTI-DONOR MISSION VISIT TO THE SAHEL AS IMPORTANT FIRST STEP IN EFFORT TO MEET PLANNING/IMPLEMENTATION OBJECTIVES REFERRED TO IN PARALIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRAPH THREE. IN DISCUSSIONS WITH SAHELIAN OFFICIALS, MDM TEAMS WILL ATTEMPT REACH CONSENSUS IN FOLLOWING AREAS:

(A) INDIVIDUAL-COUNTRY FOOD IMPORT REQUIREMENTS PROJECTED FOR 1975 BASED ON ASSESSMENT OF 1974 HARVEST YIELDS;

(B) FOOD REQUIREMENT BY REGION IN EACH COUNTRY WITH

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INDICATION OF PERCENTAGE OF REQUIREMENT WHICH CAN BE
MET BY LOCAL PRODUCTIONA

(C) IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE SPECIFIC AREAS OR
LOCALES WHICH WILL REQUIRE OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE TO MEET
FOOD NEEDS DURING 1975 RAINY SEASONA

(D) IDENTIFICATION OF WAREHOUSING SPACE WHICH WILL
BE MADE AVAILABLE IN AREAS LISTED (C) ABOVE FOR PRE-
POSITIONING FOOD GRAINS PRIOR TO RAINS. (IF SUFFICIENT
WAREHOUSING SPACE NOT AVAILABLE, PLANS FOR RENTING OR
REQUISITIONING);

(E) TRANSPORTATION PLANS FOR DELIVERING REQUIRED
STOCKS TO PRE-POSITIONING SITES (SCHEDULE OF TONAGES TO
BE MOVED, WHEN, BY WHAT MEANS OF TRANSPORT, AND OVER
WHAT ROUTES.);

(F) ASSISTANCE (NON-FOOD) FROM DONORS WHICH HOST
GOVERNMENTS WILL REQUIRE IN ORDER TO MEET THEIR
TRANSPORT/PRE-POSITIONING SCHEDULES.

5. THE NOV.20-25 MULTI-DONOR MISSION/HOST GOVERNMENT
MEETINGS WILL, IN EFFECT, INITIATE A DIALOGUE WHICH MUST
BE SUSTAINED OVER ENSUING MONTHS BY RESIDENT DONOR REPJA
RESENTATIVES IF AGREED-TO-OBJECTIVES ARE TO BE

ATTAINED. FOR THAT REASON, WE ARE REQUESTING SENIOR
RESIDENT AID REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF
THIS YEAR'S MDM (SEE REFTTEL); PARTICIPATION IN
THE MDM SESSIONS WILL ENABLE EACH AID OFFICIAL TO
PLACE IN BETTER PERSPECTIVE THOSE SHORT-TERM ASSISTANCE
PROBLEMS AND NEEDS WHICH WILL BE MAKING CONSIDERABLE
DEMANDS ON HIS TIME DURING THE UP-COMING MONTHS.

6. AT THE AFR/CWR DECEMBER WORKSHOP IN NIAMEY A SPECIAL
SESSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO SAHELIAN PRE-POSITIONING
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FOOD REQUIREMENTS AND EACH ADO/CDO WILL BE REQUESTED TO
PRESENT HIS PERCEPTION OF HOST GOVERNMENT STRATEGY THIS
AREA TOGETHER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AID PARTICIPATION
IF DEEMED REQUIRED;

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